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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has come across and innovative way of smuggling narcotics in the name of 'prescription drugs';

(b) if so, the countries which are getting these smuggled drugs from India;

(c) whether the cases have been framed against the exporters of these drugs;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to stop such a malpractice?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S.PALANIMANICKAM)

(a) No such case has come to the notice of this Ministry.

(b),(c) and (d) Nil in view of (a) above.

(e) All Customs field formations including Directorate of Revenue Intelligence are alert and vigilant to detect and prevent smuggling of contraband items.